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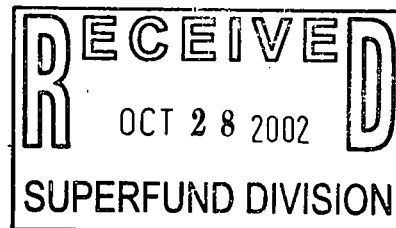
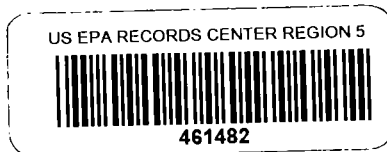
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RE: CHEMICAL RECOVERY SYSTEMS SUPERFUND SITE
(BASF/Limbacher)

Dear Ms. Sheppard-Johnson:

This will confirm my voice mail messages. I am requesting a copy of the CD referenced on page 2 of Thomas Nash's letter of October 8, 2002. (Enclosed for your reference.)

Please advise if there is any cost involved.

Thank you for your assistance in this regard.

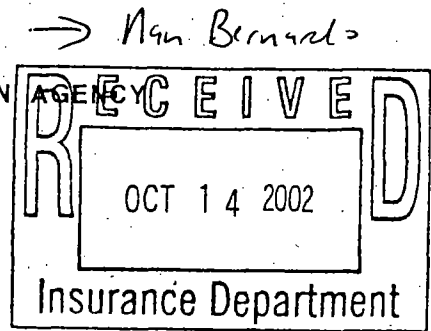
Very truly yours,

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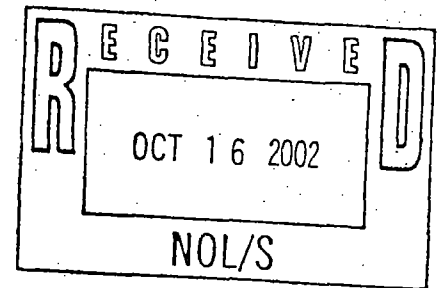
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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

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Attn: Harry Baumgartner
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(re: BASF/Limbacher)



Re: Chemical Recovery Systems Superfund Site in Elyria, Ohio

This letter is being sent to all identified potentially responsible parties (PRPs) at the Chemical Recovery Systems Superfund Site (Site) located in Elyria, Ohio. I am enclosing with this letter a copy of the volumetric ranking prepared for this Site by U.S. EPA and its contractor, TechLaw Inc. This copy of the volumetric ranking enclosed is the most recent revision of this document, incorporating all comments and new information received.

The information contained in this document does not constitute a non-binding preliminary allocation of responsibility under CERCLA section 122 (e) (3). Neither this information nor any other product of this volumetric ranking project should be construed as an allocation of responsibility or liability by EPA. This document and all associated documents are provided solely for your information. The information conveyed by this document should be considered as preliminary and subject to revisions based upon new information as; and if, any such new information becomes available.

The earliest version of this volumetric ranking was based solely on the "dirty inventory" lists prepared by the Site's operators during the late 1970s and therefore only included the evidence presented in those lists. The more recent revisions of the ranking, of which the enclosed ranking is the latest iteration, have been based on all the available documentary evidence, including all of the accounting records kept by the Site operators (*i.e.*, accounts payable ledgers, accounts receivable ledgers, purchase payment journals, the correspondence files of the Site operators) as well as the admissions made to U.S. EPA by PRPs, in the form of responses to CERCLA Section 104(e) information requests, regarding spent solvent sent to the Site. U.S. EPA believes the enclosed ranking to be the most complete and accurate estimate of the relative quantities sent to the Site by the PRPs, based on all the available information.

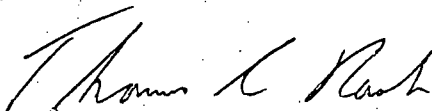
In addition to the volumetric ranking itself, I am enclosing a narrative document which summarizes the assumptions TechLaw used, with U.S. EPA approval, in its evaluation of the raw data presented by the accounting records kept by the Site operators and such additional data as became available through the medium of PRP responses to information requests generated by the Agency pursuant to Section 104(e) of CERCLA. This Assumptions Summary was created to

give an account of how TechLaw handled, considered, weighed and evaluated the data in order to develop the volumetric ranking.

The computer databases which TechLaw developed to display the digitized information from the accounting records, together with associated tables created from those databases to analyze the data, were burned onto a compact disk by TechLaw. A copy of that CD is available from the Agency upon request. If you wish to have a copy of that CD, please call Deena Sheppard-Johnson at 312-886-7048.

Finally, a third document is enclosed, the most recent iteration of the combined PRP list for this Site. This list includes all parties that have been identified as PRPs and which the Agency still considers to be PRPs at this Site. Since this list was last revised and circulated to all PRPs, several parties have been dropped while others have been added.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Thomas C. Nash". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Thomas" being more prominent.

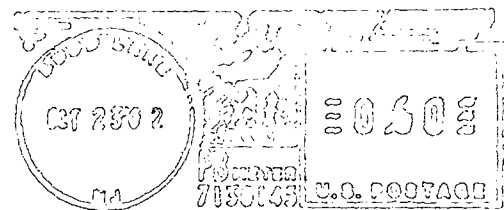
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